

Exhibit features Indigenous art

ASTORIA — A new art exhibit featuring Indigenous artists will be debuted from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the historic Anita building, 1312 Commercial St.

The exhibit, “P^uot-Choch,” is the Chinook word for “Fort George.” The exhibit’s title was chosen with guidance from Tony Johnson, chairman of the Chinook Indian Nation. Pieces were curated by Steph Littlebird.

The exhibit will be displayed through summer and features an all-Indigenous collection of traditional and contemporary art, including carving, weaving, beadwork, painting and photography. The exhibit honors the original inhabitants of the North Coast, the Chinook.

The gallery will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and by appointment. Funding for the project came from a Precipice Grant applied for by Liz Harris and Patricia Vázquez Gómez. The exhibition debuts a new wooden floor made possible by additional funding from the Ford Foundation.

Lecture to focus on regional fires

NEHALEM — Lower Nehalem Watershed Council will host a lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday at lnwc.nehalem.org

Aaron Groth will host the lecture, titled “Coastal Fire History: The Tillamook Burn and What You Can Do to Prepare.” Groth will discuss the Echo Mountain Fire complex, the Mapleton Fire and the Pike Road Fire. He will focus on coastal Oregon fire history, providing context and preventative steps residents can take.

Groth is a regional fire specialist for Oregon State University. His coverage area includes Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Lincoln counties.

The meeting is part of the council’s online speaker series.



Aaron Groth

Author to discuss new novel via Zoom

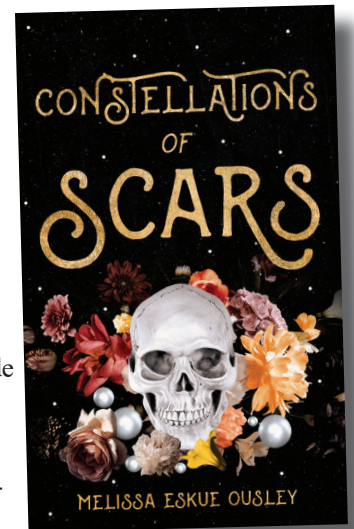
Manzanita Writers’ Series will host a book release and publishing workshop with author Melissa Eskue Ousley on Friday at 4 p.m. via Zoom.

Ousley will read from her latest book, “Constellations of Scars,” a novel set in Seaside. She will also discuss her publishing experience with Elle Beaumont of Midnight Tide Publishing.

Ousley serves as the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District’s director of marketing promotions and special events in Seaside.

Ousley’s novel follows 12-year-old Amelia, who recently started growing pearls. She runs away from home and soon learns the world is much more dangerous than she expected.

Participation costs \$10 for the event only or \$25 for event access and a copy of the book. Registrants will receive the Zoom link the week of the event. Register at hoffmanarts.org/events/book-release-event/



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